

**Minutes of the Unit 194 Board Meeting
Held Saturday, April 5, 2003 (Truro)**

Present:

Jo Ann Lynds, Bram Schwartz, Bruce Renner, Suzanne Edwards, Bill Halliday, Kathie Macnab, Martin Pink, Hugh Shankel, Karl Hicks, Edgar Blinn

Absent - Dan Landry, George Holland, Judy Callaghan, Mary Moulton, Ron Legacy, Barb Rees

Old Business:

1. The Minutes of the Halifax, February meeting were approved as circulated by Martin Pink, seconded by Bruce Renner.
2. Bill Halliday reported that the Unit 194 books are in the hands of Mr. Gerry Callaghan and a report will be presented at the Bridgewater Board meeting. At this time the problem with our HST situation will be discussed.

New Business

3. Edgar Blinn, Tournament Chairman informed the board of the proposal for a sectional tournament in Cornwallis, it was noted that the instigator, Pat Heald will be unavailable at the proposed date so ideas of that tournament were canceled.
4. Martin Pink, chairman of the Yarmouth Sectional, was congratulated on the excellent job performed by him and his committee. Mr. Pink would like to hold another sectional tournament in 2004. The board agreed with his decision. The 2004 Sectional Tournament will be held the first weekend after March Break. It was noted that the bar has been raised for how a Sectional Tournament should be run.
5. The dates of the Truro tournament were then discussed as scheduling becomes problematic with Easter, Tax Season, and the Yarmouth Sectional. The agreed upon date for the Don Cox Memorial Sectional will be April 16 - 18, 2004.
6. Bram Schwartz initiated a discussion concerning obligations of clubs in supporting Unit 194 events. With more STaC events being offered from outside our Unit and District it was discussed that clubs should support all UNIT 194 Events before scheduling STaC games in other units. Mr. Halliday will look into ACBL policy regarding this matter, but it was agreed that all clubs should be morally bound to their own Unit and schedule accordingly.
7. **Midnight Knockouts.** Much discussion on policy regarding the Midnight Knockouts and the following was agreed upon. – A) Midnight knockout will only be scheduled for Friday nights (as per previous motion). The M.K.O. will only take place if there are enough Teams participating (including regular KOs) at that time: **MOTION - The Midnight Knockout Teams Event will be held if there are 8 tables participating in that session.** Moved by Kathie Macnab, 2nd by Hugh Shankel, motion carried. **MOTION: Winners of the Midnight Knockout Event**

will receive prizes similar to those of other events. Moved by Martin Pink, 2nd by Bram Schwartz.

8. Discussion - Lagan/McLeod Trophy policy. Again it was discussed whether the Unit 194 Sectional Tournament at Clubs masterpoints should be included the Lagan and McLeod Trophy Races. The Board agreed that it should be considered part of the race. **UNIT AGREEMENT: All Unit 194 and Unit 230 Sectional Tournaments (including the Annual Sectional Tournament at Clubs) will count towards the Masterpoint totals for the Lagan and the McLeod trophy races.**
9. George Holland emailed a schedule for the 2004 CanAt. The board agreed on the contents of the presented schedule. This schedule should still be put together with playing site information and tournament contacts into a brochure which can be circulated at Regional and National tournaments over the next year.
10. Karl Hicks also presented the CanAt schedule for the CanAt 2003 to be held in Fredericton NB 2003. This is the only publication known of nothing has been posted through the ACBL or sent to the Atlantic Maritime clubs.
11. Martin shared with the Unit Board his response the ACBL questionnaire regarding the directorship of the Yarmouth Sectional. He gave the D.I.C his well-deserved praise.
12. Stratification at Sectional Tournaments. It was noted that as a result of many new players participating in our Sectional Tournaments; that the director in charge can use discretionary judgment to adjust the Stratifications to balance the B and C fields in the “pairs” events.
13. I/N Report. There will be an annual networking session for bridge teachers in Unit 194; the teachers from Unit 230 will be invited to attend as well. This meeting will take place in Bridgewater, Saturday May 31st 5:00 - 7:00 PM (between sessions) at a local restaurant. Glendan Dominoe will make the arrangements. Kathie Macnab will publish the invitation in the Bridgeline.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Halliday

Next Meeting:

Next Unit 194 board meeting will be the 31st of May, Bridgewater